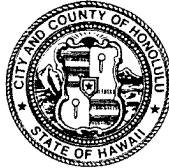


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TESTIMONY OF GALEN ONOUE, LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
Thursday, April 2, 2015, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

SENATE Bill 273, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 "RELATING TO Identification Cards"  
Position: Supports with reservations

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

The City and County of Honolulu supports the intent with reservations of S.B. No. 273, SD2, HD1, that will allow the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, or a medical or health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address.

We have reservations as to the implications this action may have on our operations complying with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-13, 119 Stat. 231) requirements and standards. Current REAL ID requirements will be compromised by allowing a second party to serve as "documentary evidence" instead of actual documentation as currently required. Any change could possibly jeopardize the status of the State of Hawaii's compliance with the Federal law.

Hawaii is currently among forty two states that are currently REAL ID compliant. We must ensure that our residents continue to have an I.D. that will be valid for federal purposes which will allow them to board commercial airlines and enter Federal buildings.

We would also recommend an effective date no sooner than January 1, 2017, to provide sufficient time to implement any changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

  
Galen K. Onouye  
Licensing Administrator





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TO: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Members, House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW  
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 329**

**Testimony supporting the intent of SB273 SD2 HD1, Relating to Identification Cards**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **supporting the intent** of SB273 SD2 HD1, which is intended to ease the process for homeless individuals to obtain a State identification card. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including the homeless. **We respectfully request that, if this bill moves forward, it be amended to include language from SB192 SD1 relating to a fee waiver for homeless individuals who can provide written verification of homelessness.**

Over the past year and a half, PHOCUSED has worked together with over-30 homeless service providers on Oahu, as well as the State and City & County, to implement a more coordinated system of referral and housing placement known as 'Hale O Malama' ("House of Care"). Through Hale O Malama, over 2,600 homeless individuals and families have been assessed as of March 2015, and bi-weekly case conferences are held with homeless service providers to identify barriers to housing. A common issue that has been consistently identified as a major barrier to achieving long-term, stable housing is the lack of photo identification cards for many homeless individuals.

The lack of valid photo identification makes it difficult for homeless individuals and families to complete applications for housing, as many landlords will not accept a rental application without a valid I.D. card. In addition, even if a homeless individual is able to find a rental unit, the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) will not establish electric service unless the individual is able to provide proof of valid photo I.D.

**While we support the intent of this bill, we note that a major barrier that prevents homeless individuals from obtaining a State photo I.D. is the lack of financial resources to pay the fee to renew/replace an I.D. card – This is not addressed in the current draft of this bill.** Accordingly, if SB273 moves forward, PHOCUSED respectfully requests that the bill be amended to incorporate language from **SB192 SD1**, which would waive the fee to obtain or renew/replace a State photo I.D. if a homeless individual provides written verification of their homeless status from a homeless service provider. **There is already a clear consensus regarding the need for a State I.D. fee waiver for the homeless - SB192 SD1 received strong support not only from established homeless service providers, such as the Institute for Human Services and Waikiki Health, but also from the State Department of Transportation and the Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness.**



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Currently, homeless service providers – including Waikiki Health, Kalhi-Palama Health Center, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Institute for Human Services, and The CHOW Project – provide verification of homeless status for the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office, as well as for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and other government agencies.

Once again, PHOCUSED supports the intent of this bill, but would respectfully request amendments to include language from SB192 SD1 if this bill passes out of committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at [admin@phocused-hawaii.org](mailto:admin@phocused-hawaii.org).



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**TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL 273, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1,  
RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

**House Committee on Judiciary  
Hon. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Hon. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, April 2, 2015, 2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

Honorable Chair Rhoads and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 300 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of, with proposed amendments for SB 273, SD 2, HD 1, relating to identification cards.

Over the past three years, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the Honolulu City Council have enacted several ordinances aimed at “compassionately disrupting” homelessness on O’ahu. The most prominent of these ordinances are recently enacted sit-lie bans, which were originally implemented in high commerce areas like Waikiki, but have been expanded to commercial properties located in all regions of O’ahu, including windward and leeward towns and, most recently, malls bordered by businesses. Additionally “obstruction” ordinances target property stored on sidewalks and houseless persons remaining in parks after operating hours. These city ordinances amount to an unconstitutional criminalization of the homeless. Councilmembers have stated that the new laws do not specifically target the homeless, but rather anyone engaging in obstructive activity.

Many judges and legal experts around the country have repeatedly argued that these laws are selectively enforced against the homeless in the form of unannounced property raids, which constitute an unconstitutional violation of the Fourth Amendment's search and seizure protections. For clarity, the Fourteenth Amendment provides that:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

Again for clarity, the terms “search” and “seizure” were concisely summarized in the majority opinion to *United States v. Jacobsen*, 466 U.S. 109 (1984), which declared that Fourth Amendment, “protects two types of expectations, one involving 'searches', the other 'seizures'. A *search* occurs when an expectation of privacy that society is prepared to consider reasonable is infringed. A *seizure* of property occurs where there is some meaningful interference with an individual's possessory interests in that property.” According to these understandings, When law enforcement, without notice, raid a homeless encampment and usurp—and often destroy—homeless people's belongings, including basic government documents and identification, the city is infringing homeless people's civil rights.

During property raids, homeless people's government-issued documents are often confiscated, documents that are necessary for employment applications, housing applications (including entrance into Housing First programs), travel, and identity verification. In December of 2014, homeless provider agencies reported that of 540 homeless people were listed as potentially eligible for the state or city's Housing First programs, only 62 had a picture ID that proving their identity and granting admittance into the program. Thus, 478 homeless families and individuals can't clear the first hurdle to getting into housing. Additionally, it was reported last July in *Civil Beat* that our state's jails are destroying homeless people's ID cards, purportedly because of “liability concerns.” It can take months to replace ID cards and cost up to \$100 or more to replace government documents, including those necessary to re-obtain an ID. The Department of Public Safety's own mental health administrator, Mark Mitchell, said that homeless people's ID cards are being discarded regularly, telling *Civil Beat* that homeless people's identification cards are being tossed unless he calls and specifically requests a waiver for a mentally ill inmate, further claiming that about one-third of all the inmates he sees for mental health issues are homeless. Once released, these mental health patients are unable to get medical assistance because those services often require an ID.

In effect, we're forcing homeless people into a pernicious cycle. To replace a state ID, a homeless individual has to get a social security card. To get a social security card, however, they have to have a identification and state documents that require identification for obtainment. Birth certificates, for example, often must be notarized. Notarization requires ID. In Hawaii, we already allow attorneys to obtain birth certificates for clients. Physician-signed medical records, too, can sometimes be used to document a person's ID. Thus, the approach taken by this bill of allowing legal, medical, and advocacy professionals to help the homeless regain basic documents is merely an innovative expansion of existing practices and values.

At a Senate Human Services and Housing Committee Hearing on this measure, the State Department of Transportation argued that the bill complicates federal REAL ID compliance, essentially maintaining that 9/11 trumps our need to help Hawai'i's homeless population. In response, we note that as of 2014, 22 states have passed laws and resolutions banning and/or restricting REAL ID implementation. Additionally, 40 states have introduced and/or passed bills and resolutions opposing the REAL ID program. Finally, states have only become compliant

with REAL ID, according to the Department of Homeland Security, once the program—originally intended to create a national ID—was pared back through the introduction of a “material compliance checklist” in 2008. Since then, REAL ID deadlines have been repeatedly pushed back, requirements watered down, and pushback steadily grown, leaving the state of the program in a continuing state of flux, if not wholly in doubt.

It is our opinion that houseless assistance should not be held hostage to vague security threats. Instead, we encourage you to pressure city officials to stop stealing people's government-issued identification. In light of the continuance of such theft, however, we urge you to pass this bill allowing the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, attorney, member of the clergy, or medical or health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address or date of birth. **We additionally encourage you to reinsert language from the original bill expanding the list of items for which the sworn statement may be used as a substitute to include a houseless person's occupation and social security number.** This will minimize the social services and everyday living disruption for homeless people needing to re-obtain confiscated ID cards. If REAL ID is deemed to be a concern, we encourage you to sunset this bill's provisions in 2017, allowing for two years worth of data gathering on the usefulness of revising state identification statutes to help the houseless and time to see what further changes are made to federal REAL ID requirements.

Relatedly, we have redrafted an alternate version of the bill to implement a provisional ID card for houseless persons. Pursuant to conversations with Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery, we would like to offer the following rewrite, establishing a limited purpose identification card for homeless persons that would not be useable for federal purposes. This proposal would not conflict with REAL ID requirements, which does not preclude states from deploying parallel identification cards for limited, non-federal purposes. Additionally, this draft includes suggested language from PHOCUSED amending §286-309 to waive fees for identification cards obtained by homeless people.

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"PART . LIMITED PURPOSE IDENTIFICATION CARD**

**“§286- Limited purpose identification card.** (a) Except as provided in section 286-104(1), (4), and (5), for a person who qualifies as homeless pursuant to section 346-361, the examiner of drivers shall issue a limited purpose identification card uniquely identified in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 to a person if the applicant meets all other qualifications and provides satisfactory proof to the department of the applicant's identity. The examiner of drivers shall accept various types of documentation for the purpose of establishing identity, including but not limited to:



- (1) A valid and unexpired passport from the applicant's country of citizenship;
  - (2) An original birth certificate, or other proof of age, as designated by the department;
  - (3) A home utility bill, lease or rental agreement;
  - (4) A United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal;
  - (5) An official school or college transcript that includes the applicant's date of birth;
  - (6) An official school or college identification card that includes the applicant's full name and a photograph of the applicant at the time the identification was issued;
  - (7) A United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-20 or Form DS-2019;
  - (8) A deed or title to real property;
  - (9) An identification card for health benefits;
  - (10) An identification card for an assistance or social services program;
  - (11) A voter registration card;
  - (12) A wage stub;
  - (13) An income tax return;
  - (14) A social security card; and
  - (15) A signed sworn statement from a member of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, or a medical or other health professional from whom the person has sought services.
- (c) No more than one type of documentation shall be required for the obtainment of a limited purpose identification card.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other law, the examiner of drivers shall not require any applicant under this section to furnish information regarding an applicant's social security account number. The examiner of drivers shall not disclose the identity of an applicant who does not provide a social security card as a form of identification under this section.
- (e) A limited purpose identification card or limited purpose provisional identification card shall expire pursuant to section 286-106.

**§286- Identifying language.** (a) A limited purpose identification card issued pursuant to this part shall:

- (1) On its face bear the phrase, “Not acceptable for official federal purposes”.
- (b) If the United States Department of Homeland Security determines that an identification card issued pursuant to this section does not satisfy the requirements of section 37.71 of Title 6 of the



Code of Federal Regulations, adopted pursuant to paragraph (11) of subdivision (d) of section 202 of the Real ID Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-13), the department shall modify the identification card only to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of that section.

**§286- Prohibition of discrimination.** It shall be a violation of law to discriminate against a person because the person holds or presents a limited purpose identification card issued pursuant to this part.

**§286- Data collection; confidentiality.** Information collected pursuant to this part shall not be disclosed by the examiner of drivers except as required by law.

**§286- Application; fees.** Each application for a limited purpose identification card shall be accompanied by a fee to be determined by the council of each county, provided that fees for a limited purpose identification card may be waived for a person who qualifies as homeless pursuant to section 346-361.

**§286- Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this part.”

SECTION 2. Section 286-309, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§286-309]]~~ **Rules.** (a) For the purpose of carrying out this part, the director, pursuant to chapter 91, shall adopt rules including rules assessing reasonable fees for the services provided under this part.

(b) The rules shall authorize the examiner of drivers to waive any fee in cases of extreme hardship and provide criteria for determining whether a waiver is warranted~~[-]; provided that the rules shall direct the examiner of drivers to waive entirely any fee for the issuance of:~~

(1) An original or renewal identification card; or

(2) A new identification card as a result of an error correction or change pursuant to section 286-306(b), to a qualified individual who is homeless, subject to verification of the homeless status of the individual by official letter from a homeless services provider; provided further that the homeless services provider shall permit the homeless individual to use the homeless service provider's address to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable federal law. The rules may authorize the examiner of drivers to waive fees for the issuance of identification cards to qualified individuals who are homeless under circumstances such as the loss, destruction, theft, or mutilation of an identification card, subject to conditions imposed by the director through rules.

(c) The rules shall require that the following information be collected from the individual in each instance that the fee for the issuance of an identification card is waived due to a person's homeless status:

(1) The reason the individual no longer has identification;

(2) The examiner of drivers' location from which the application for a fee waiver was submitted;

(3) The name of the homeless services agency providing an official letter verifying the individual's homeless status; and

(4) The number of times each homeless services agency requests a fee waiver for a homeless individual.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kris Coffield  
*Executive Director*  
IMUAlliance

April 1, 2015

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2015  
TIME: 2:00pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB273 SD2 HD1 WITH AMENDMENTS  
RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Dear Committee on Judiciary:

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) strongly supports **SB273 SD2 HD1**. PASS has been helping the houseless population in Kakaako for the past year. We attest that the existing laws that are utilized to “sweep” the sidewalks and parks of homeless persons are extremely harmful to this vulnerable community.

These laws criminalizing the poverty make it exponentially difficult for social services to maintain contact with the houseless to direct them toward permanent housing. These City-run sweeps or “raids” on homeless encampments result in the unconstitutional confiscation and disposal of identification documents such as social security cards, birth certificates, state identification cards, driver’s licenses, and marriage licenses, all of which are documents needed to obtain and maintain benefits, housing, housing first, employment, and medication for serious medical conditions.

Once these documents are disposed of in City raids, it is nearly impossible for the houseless to receive a re-issuance of their identification cards. This measure would help hundreds of houseless obtain their much-needed identification to be able to obtain the benefits and help that they deserve to exit out of poverty.

The Department of Transportation stated in the last hearing that passing this bill will threaten Hawaii’s compliance with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005. I would like to remind the committee that at least 19

states have passed laws or resolutions opting out of the REAL ID Act due to questions about it constitutionality and high costs of implementation, including the State of Hawaii<sup>1</sup>.

**SCR 31 SD1 of 2007** clearly cites the many reasons that the Hawaii State Legislature passed this resolution opposing the implementation of, and supporting the repeal of, the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005, [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/Bills/SCR31\\_SD1\\_.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/Bills/SCR31_SD1_.pdf)

“...the Legislature of the State of Hawaii opposes the institution of a national identification card and the implementation of the Real ID Act of 2005, particularly those provisions that:

- (1) Violate the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Hawaii State Constitution or the United States Constitution, including the bill of rights; and
- (2) Create unfunded mandates for the State without any plan for financial subsidization for implementation...”

Without successfully changing our state law alleviating the difficulty in obtaining state identification, our houseless problems will not be solved.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

PASS kindly suggests that this bill be amended to revert the language back to its original draft version of SB273.

PASS also suggests that this bill be amended to waive the ID fees for anyone who is unable to pay for the fee due to houselessness or extreme poverty.

Please pass **SB273 SD2 HD1 with amendments**. Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Xian  
Executive Director  
Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery

Encl: ID & Houselessness diagram

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Privacy Information Center. State Legislation Rejecting REAL ID (19 total). Retrieved on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, from: [https://epic.org/privacy/id\\_cards/#state](https://epic.org/privacy/id_cards/#state)

## The first step to solving homelessness

**3.5**  
million Americans  
per year experience  
homelessness



**50%**  
are women  
and children

**40%**  
are veterans

People become homeless due to:

- + Lack of Affordable Housing
- + Foreclosure
- + Traumatic Experiences
- + Poverty
- + Unemployment
- + Domestic Violence
- + Natural Disasters
- + Disabilities

**70%**

OF THE HOMELESS  
PEOPLE WE ENCOUNTER  
DO NOT HAVE ID: **PHOTO IDs,**  
**BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS**



John Doe

Without  
these  
documents  
a person  
cannot...

...Obtain basic needs for survival or do simple things we take for granted.



A Job



Housing



Food Stamps



Healthcare



Bank Account



Get Married

To obtain ID, a person needs help to:

- + Determine where to find vital documents
- + Interact with agencies
- + Acquire, understand and complete forms
- + Pay state-required fees
- + Obtain a mailing address to receive the ID

Without this first  
step, homelessness  
cannot be solved.



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill!



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Amend to revert to its original SB273 language please.

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of SB273 SB2 HD1 with amendments to revert the language back to the original version of SB273. Please provide tangible support to our homeless persons who are being currently especially targeted and persecuted by the enactment and selected enforcement of unlawful laws.

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lani Kwon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Lani Kwon, support SB273 SD2 HD1 which allows people who are homeless the ability to get their IDs after unconstitutional confiscation during City of Honolulu raids. I also suggest that the committee amend the bill to revert to its original SB273 language. Sincerely, Lani Kwon

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha LandrySmith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I would like to submit my testimony for SB273 SD2 HD1 in support of this Bill. I believe that it is very important for the houseless population to have a means with which to have and keep identification in order to obtain services from agencies. I would also like to see the original language of the Bill to be reinstated. Mahalo for your consideration, Samantha LandrySmith

Aloha, Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair; Vice-Chair Joy San Buenaventura, and the esteemed members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

As a lifelong resident of Hawai'i, and someone who is part of the "hidden homeless", I am writing in support of SB273 SD2 HD1, WITH AMENDMENTS.

Because houseless individuals face urgent needs for issues such as medical care, social services, and housing, employment, and education, it is crucial that they can begin to get State ID's as soon as possible. Without identification, undomiciled persons and families cannot begin the process of regaining a safe, stable place to live, cannot fill out a job application, or do any of the multitude of life-sustaining activities that most people take for granted every time they produce a "form of identification", that documents their name, date of birth, address, and social security number, and the bare minimum.

Without identification, the undomiciled, the houseless, the "homeless", are trapped, and will remain so. They will remain nameless, faceless, and homeless. For too many, they will become lifeless.

Therefore I respectfully request that the House Committee on Human Services to pass SB273 SD2 HD1 WITH AMENDMENTS, with restoration of the original language of SB273, including the ability to document not just name, but date of birth, a legal address of record, social security number, and employment if available.

Thank you so very much for your consideration of my request, and of the houseless individuals of Hawai'i.

Kahana Ho  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Candace Thoth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB273 which will allow houseless persons to be able to obtain their ID, and request you please amend this important bill to revert to it's original language A very similar provision as described in this bill is currently successfully used for government programs such as WIC, so that unnecessary barriers are removed, and that qualified individuals have access to important and needed program services. Currently, the requirements to replace identification cards are beyond the means of most houseless individuals. However, without IDs, these individuals can not apply for work or services. I've spoken to several houseless individuals who have suffered through raids and have had their identification taken away and disposed of despite their requests to the authorities not to do so. Until the City stops these activities, we need the State to step in and protect the houseless, and therefore are in critical need of SB273 for Identification Cards. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify, Sherry Pollack Ahuimanu



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Mulinix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am asking you to vote in support of SD 273. I have been working with and advocating for the Houseless for many years. I was the first Executive Director of Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity and built many houses with the Houseless here on Oahu. For the past 4 years I have been part of a group that feeds the Houseless every Sunday at Thomas Square. I intimately know the Houseless and I am very aware of their needs and challenges. The City has passed a series of laws that essentially make it illegal to be poor and houseless on Oahu. During the enforcement of these laws police and City workers illegally confiscate and destroy the I.D. of the Houseless. It takes them many weeks to get new I.D. leaving the destitute Houseless in even more dire straights, because without their I.D. they can't get into a shelter, cash a check, drive their car, get a job, rent an apartment, etc. I urge you to vote in support of SB 273 and ensure that those who are the most in need in our community have easier access to replacing their essential I.D. Mahalo for your kind attention, Dave Mulinix

I support SB273 which will allow houseless persons the ability to obtain their IDs after they've been unconstitutionally confiscated and disposed of by the City during so-called "enforcements" on poverty. Without proper identification (such as Social Security card, Hawaii State ID, birth certificate, health insurance card, etc.) houseless people are prevented from gaining employment, health care, and other necessary services.

Please cease criminalizing poor and helpless families living in tents because the City fails to provide affordable housing.

AMEND THE BILL TO REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL SB273 LANGUAGE. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Atcheson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads, As a resident of District 29, I appreciate your responsiveness to concerns raised by your constituents. I urge you to support SB 273 relating to identification cards. I have direct experience in assisting homeless individuals in our community. The biggest initial hurdle to overcome has been identification. There are so many ways a person living on the street can lose possession of an id card. SB 273 would provide a reasonable way to regain this "key" to essential services. I hope that your committee will restore the original language in this bill and pass it. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, David Atcheson

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kahana Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 3/31/2015 Aloha, Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair; Vice-Chair Joy San Buenaventura, and the esteemed members of the House Committee on Judiciary. As a lifelong resident of Hawai'i, and someone who is part of the "hidden homeless", I am writing in support of SB273 SD2 HD1, WITH AMENDMENTS. Because houseless individuals face urgent needs for issues such as medical care, social services, and housing, employment, and education, it is crucial that they can begin to get State ID's as soon as possible. Without identification, undomiciled persons and families cannot begin the process of regaining a safe, stable place to live, cannot fill out a job application, or do any of the multitude of life-sustaining activities that most people take for granted every time they produce a "form of identification", that documents their name, date of birth, address, and social security number, and the bare minimum. Without identification, the undomiciled, the houseless, the "homeless", are trapped, and will remain so. They will remain nameless, faceless, and homeless. For too many, they will become lifeless. Therefore I respectfully request that the House Committee on Human Services to pass SB273 SD2 HD1 WITH AMENDMENTS, with restoration of the original language of SB273, including the ability to document not just name, but date of birth, a legal address of record, social security number, and employment if available. Thank you so very much for your consideration of my request, and of the houseless individuals of Hawai'i. Kahana Ho Honolulu, Hawai'i

TO: Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair, Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Etsuko Yamaguchi, Master of Social Work graduate student at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa

Hearing: Thursday, April 02, 2015, 2:00 PM, Room 325

RE: Testimony in support of SB273 Relating to Identification Cards

Dear members of the committee

My name is Etsuko Yamaguchi and I am a graduate student at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii Manoa. I also worked as a practicum student at Susannah Wesley Community Center and Kokua Kalihi Valley in Kalihi. I am in support for Senate Bill No.273.

At my practicum, I have come across many homeless persons who are in need of a shelter and other necessary services. However, many of them lack the important documents required to apply for social services such as identification cards, birth certificates, and social security cards. They need these documents to apply for shelters, healthcare and other social services. Many homeless people state that they have lost or had documents stolen during their time on the streets or at shelters. It takes many weeks to replace identification and the process is time consuming and not simple. Most of the time, they are not familiar with navigating through the system and often fatigued and feeling hopeless from being homeless for a long time. As a result, they remain without IDs and without the social services they need while their situation deteriorates.

It is often frustrating and saddening when I try to assist these homeless persons without IDs because of the time and paperwork required to assist them when they need to be sheltered today. I met two unsheltered homeless mothers with small children. Both of them stated they are missing most of identification documents they need to apply for a shelter. I cannot even imagine how hard it is for them to go around an agency to another, with small children, trying to obtain all the papers they need to replace IDs and apply for a shelter.

This bill offers a way to help homeless persons replace their IDs without waiting for weeks and increase the accessibility of a shelter and other social services they need.

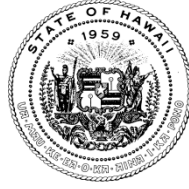
Please support this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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**S.B. 273, S.D.2, H.D.1  
RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

House Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of this bill that allows the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, attorney, member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, or medical or other health professional as documentary evidence of the person's address who qualifies as homeless pursuant to section 346-361 HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



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Aloha !

I will be testifying in person as well.

We Support SB273. **AND request that you put SB273 back to its original language.**

The current version of SB273 has been hacked up and diluted and still leaves a massive problem not properly addressed or solved. The original language solves the problem as it was intended to do.  
The current version does not address the problem of when the city steals a persons vital documents and destroys them, how they are ever to get those documents replaced.

Yes, Putting the language back to its original form will be in direct conflict to the REAL ID act. However the REAL ID act **-- IS --** the problem as it is FLAWED by design. The Working Group will have time to address this and should focus its efforts on joining with other states that have rejected the flawed REAL ID act and getting the federal government to correct the flaw of the REAL ID act as part of its intended outcomes.

According to this :

<https://www.aclu.org/blog/technology-and-liberty/yes-states-really-reject-real-id>

"[Twenty-five states](#), either through statute or legislative resolution, rejected the act or said they would not comply with Real ID, and 15 states have laws prohibiting compliance with Real ID. "

and this :

<http://www.realnightmare.org/news/105/>

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### **SCR 28, supporting United States Senate Bill 4117 to repeal Title II of the Real ID Act of 2005.**

SCR 29, supporting repeal of the Real ID Act of 2005.

[SCR 31](#), opposing the creation of a national identity card and the implementation of the Real ID Act of 2005.  
(Adopted 4/25/07)

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Comments:

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Aloha,

My name is Rebecca Kaleimamo A'o Haililani Kane and I support this: SB273 SD2 HD1 bill.

Mahalo